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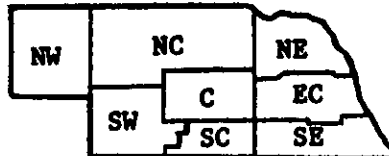
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## WEATHER

The week was cool with scattered rain. Precipitation ranged from traces in the Panhandle up to a half inch in the extreme east. Temperatures averaged four to ten degrees below normal.

## GENERAL

Good harvest weather allowed row crop harvesting to progress rapidly over most of the State last week, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Some rain was received, especially in the East, late in the week, which slowed harvesting but gave a boost to the recently planted winter wheat crop. Dry edible bean harvest continued in the West and sugar beet harvest should get into full swing during the coming week. Some areas in the East were making a fourth cutting of alfalfa and a few farmers were still cutting silage. High winds in the Southwest caused soil erosion, lodging of corn and sorghum, and some wheat to be replanted. Number of days suitable for fieldwork last week averaged 6.6.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 59% short and 41% adequate. Subsoil moisture rated 79% short and 21% adequate. Last year, topsoil moisture rated 6% short, 88% adequate and 6% surplus, while subsoil moisture was 56% short and 44% adequate.

## CROPS

All corn condition was 4% very poor, 15% poor, 18% fair, 44% good and 19% excellent. Irrigated corn was 86% good or excellent, while only 11% of the dryland

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was rated good. The crop was 20% harvested compared with 43% in 1988 and 23% average. Corn borer damage and stalk rot damage were reported in some Eastern and Northeastern counties.

Sorghum condition was 39% poor, 43% fair and 18% good. The harvest was 25% complete compared with 53% last year and 29% average. Some stalk rot damage was reported in the East.

Soybean condition was 11% very poor, 16% poor, 54% fair and 19% good. Harvesting jumped ahead to 35% complete compared with 58% in 1988 and 35% average. Some combining was hampered by low moisture beans in the Northeast.

Winter wheat condition rated 1% poor, 47% fair, 30% good and 22% excellent. Planting was nearing completion with some growers waiting until dry edible bean and soybean fields were harvested. Some replanting was necessary in the West and Southwest due to damage from heavy rains or high winds.

## LIVESTOCK

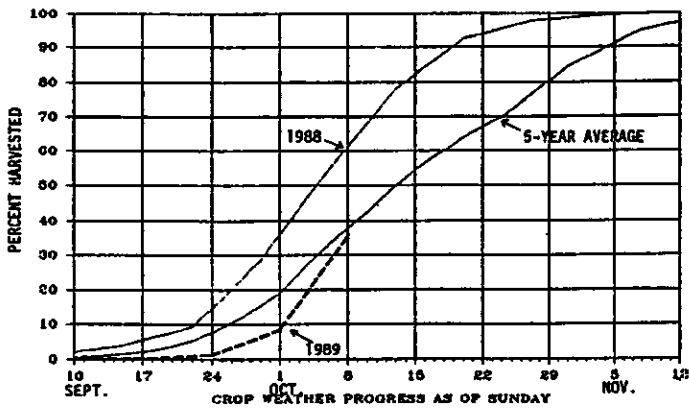
Pasture and range feed supplies rated 21% very short, 65% short and 14% adequate. Hay and roughage supplies rated 14% very short, 35% short and 51% adequate. Many cattle were being moved from pastures to crop residue as soon as row crop fields were harvested. Others were being moved to dry lots and feedlots, while some were still making adequate gains on pastures. Calves were being sorted and pre-conditioned for fall sales.

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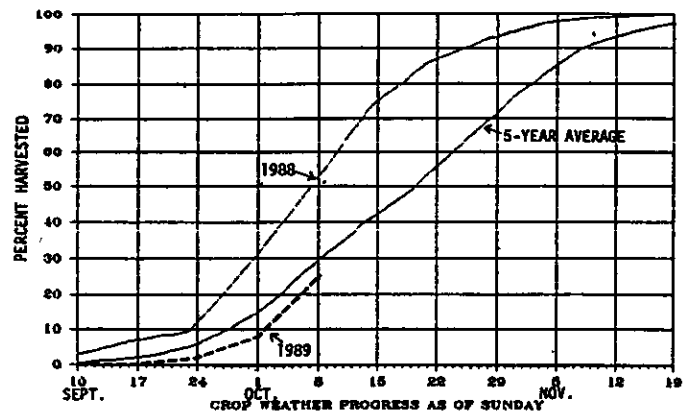
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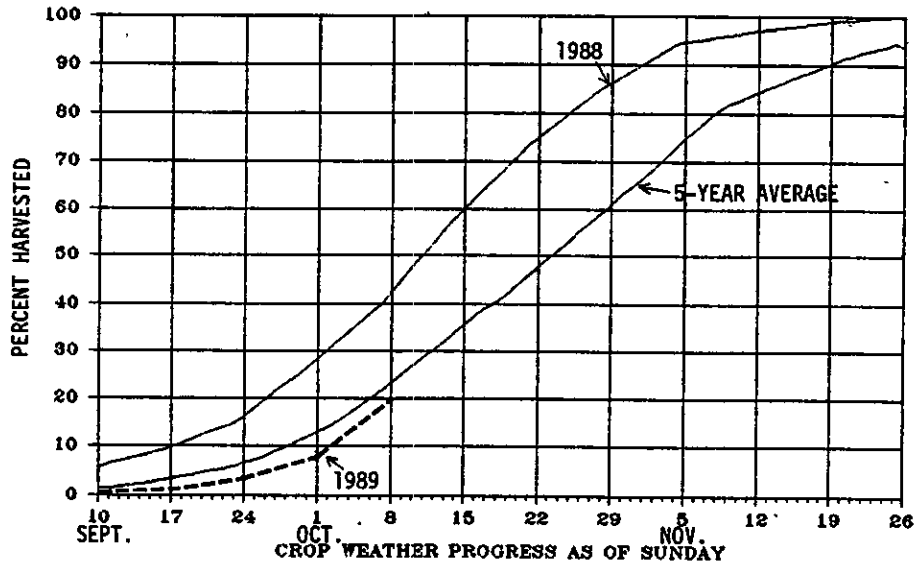
## NEBRASKA -- SOYBEANS HARVESTED



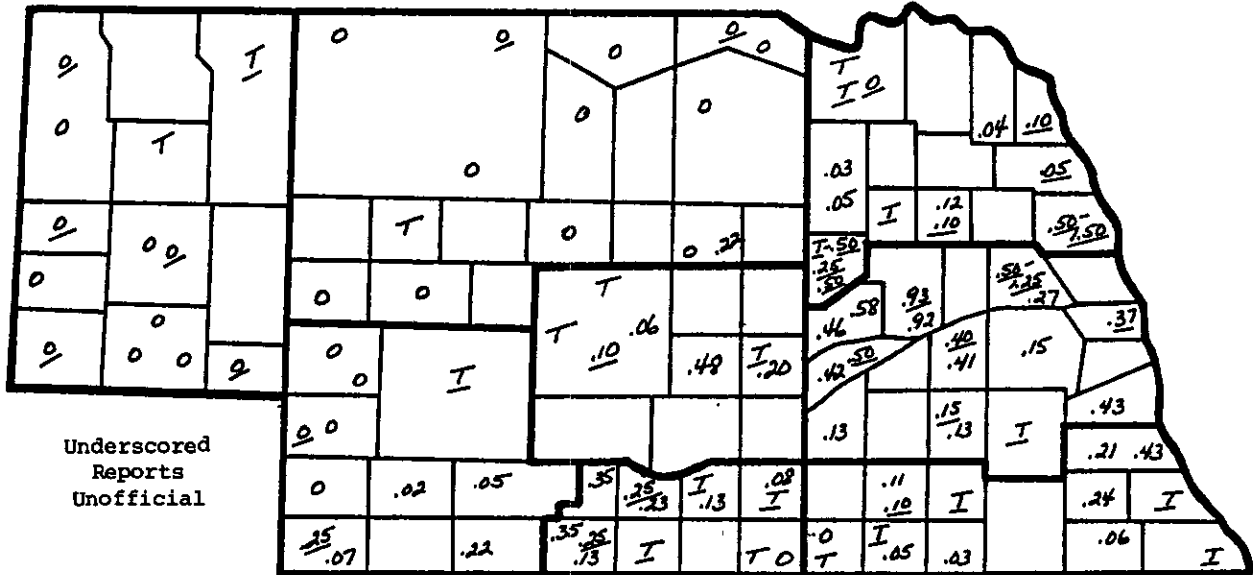
## NEBRASKA -- SORGHUM HARVESTED



## NEBRASKA -- CORN HARVESTED



## PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1989



## TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1989

| Station          | Temperature |     |      |           | Precipitation              |
|------------------|-------------|-----|------|-----------|----------------------------|
|                  | Extremes    |     | Mean | Departure | Total Inches <sup>1/</sup> |
|                  | Max         | Min |      |           |                            |
| NW Chadron       | 73          | 32  | 49   | --        | T                          |
| Scottsbluff      | 74          | 29  | 49   | -6        | .01                        |
| Sidney           | 73          | 30  | 49   | --        | 0                          |
| NC Ord           | 74          | 27  | 50   | --        | .32                        |
| Valentine        | 73          | 32  | 50   | -4        | 0                          |
| NE Norfolk       | 71          | 30  | 48   | -9        | .17                        |
| Sioux City       | 68          | 29  | 48   | -10       | .08                        |
| CEN Grand Island | 75          | 34  | 52   | -6        | .30                        |
| EC Lincoln       | 73          | 32  | 51   | -8        | .28                        |
| Omaha            | 65          | 33  | 50   | -8        | .55                        |
| SW Imperial      | 72          | 34  | 52   | --        | .04                        |
| North Platte     | 77          | 30  | 50   | -5        | .01                        |

<sup>1/</sup> Precipitation totals not included in map above.